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Annotations

1. Election of officers

The Preparatory Committee will elect from among the representatives of the participating States, a Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen and such other officers as may be required.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At the beginning of the session, after the election of its officers, the Preparatory Committee will adopt the agenda for the session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The Committee will also decide on the organization of its work.

3. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the Conference and its preparatory process

As requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/176, the Economic and Social Council, by its resolution 1993/4 of 12 February 1993, has established the modalities for the participation of non-governmental organizations in the International Conference on Population and Development and its preparatory process. Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council are already eligible to participate in the Conference and its preparatory process by virtue of that status, but they are requested to indicate their interest in such participation. Others wishing to be accredited may apply to the Conference secretariat. In accordance with the provisions of Council resolution 1993/4, the Conference secretariat will evaluate the information provided in the applications for accreditation received from non-governmental organizations and will submit its recommendations to the Preparatory Committee.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the Conference and its preparatory process (E/CONF.84/PC/10)

4. Preparations for the Conference

The Preparatory Committee will have before it a progress report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on the organizational and substantive preparations for the Conference.

(a) General preparatory activities

The main points to be covered under the general preparations for the Conference are: organization of the Conference; inter-agency coordination; participation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations; information activities; and the finanical requirements of the Conference and the status of funding.

(b) Expert group meetings

As authorized by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1991/93, six expert group meetings, corresponding to the six groups of issues that had been identified as those requiring the greatest attention during the forthcoming decade, were convened as part of the substantive preparations for the Conference. The deliberations had as an essential perspective the goals of the World Population Plan of Action and specific policy measures that would promote the achievement of those goals.

In addition to the progress report of the Secretary-General of the Conference, the Preparatory Committee will have before it the recommendations of the expert group meetings, as well as a synthesis of their findings.

(c) Regional conferences

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/93, the regional preparations for the Conference include the convening of meetings and/or conferences by the United Nations regional commissions to review the experience gained in population policies and programmes in their regions, bearing in mind the relationship between such policies and programmes and development issues, and to propose future action.

(d) Preparatory activities at the national level

In order for the Conference to achieve its goals and to ensure that all countries contribute to and participate in the Conference, preparations at the national level are being undertaken. The Secretary-General of the Conference has therefore requested each country to establish a national committee to serve as a focal point for the preparatory activities and for the Conference itself. The national committees are undertaking such activities as the organization of conferences and meetings, awareness-creation and the preparation of a national report that will address the population situation and the policies and programmes of the country and will focus on the practical, concrete steps necessary to achieve population goals. The Secretary-General of the Conference has requested that the national reports be submitted to the Conference secretariat by 30 September 1993 so that a comprehensive analysis of the reports may be prepared for submission to the Conference.

(e) Other related activities

The reports on items 4 (b), (c) and (d) above, as well as the results of the biennial monitoring of world population trends and policies, the monitoring of multilateral population programmes and the Seventh United Nations Population Inquiry among Governments will provide important input for the Conference.

Documentation

Progress report on the preparations for the International Conference on Population and Development (E/1993/___)

Recommendations of the Expert Group Meeting on Population, Environment and Development (E/CONF.84/PC/4)

Recommendations of the Expert Group Meeting on Population Policies and Programmes (E/CONF.84/PC/5)

Recommendations of the Expert Group Meeting on Population and Women (E/CONF.84/PC/6)

Recommendations of the Expert Group Meeting on Family Planning, Health and Family Well-being (E/CONF.84/PC/7)

Recommendations of the Expert Group Meeting on Population Growth and Demographic Structure (E/CONF.84/PC/8)

Recommendations of the Expert Group Meeting on Population Distribution and Migration (E/CONF.84/PC/9)

Synthesis of the findings of the six expert group meetings (E/CONF.84/PC/12)

5. Proposed conceptual framework of the draft recommendations of the Conference

The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1991/93, decided that one of the objectives of the Conference was to adopt a set of recommendations for the next decade in order to respond to the population and development issues of high priority identified in the same resolution. The Preparatory Committee will have before it a proposed conceptual framework that may serve as the basis for the formulation of the draft recommendations of the Conference. The discussion of the proposed conceptual framework by the Preparatory Committee and subsequent decisions taken on it will form the basis for the work of the Conference secretariat, on the preparation of the document that will be presented to the Preparatory Committee at its third session, in 1994.

Documentation

Proposed conceptual framework of the draft recommendations of the Conference (E/CONF.84/PC/11)

6. Draft provisional rules of procedure for the Conference

The Preparatory Committee will have before it a revised set of draft provisional rules of procedure for the Conference prepared by the Secretariat. Those draft provisional rules of procedure were adapted from the draft provisional rules of procedure that were considered by the Preparatory Committee at its first session (E/CONF.84/PC/2). The revised draft incorporates the comments made by the Preparatory Committee at its first session and takes into account subsequent resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council, in particular on the name of the Conference and the involvement of non-governmental organizations in the Conference.

Documentation

Draft provisional rules of procedure for the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CONF.84/PC/2/Rev.1)

7. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Preparatory Committee

The Preparatory Committee will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its third session, together with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each item.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the third session of the Preparatory Committee

8. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

The Preparatory Committee will submit to the Economic and Social Council a report on its work.